

Appendix A: Consensus and Concurrence

to the regional, state, or national board. In turn, the appropriate board analyzes the member agreement reports from local Leagues, develops a position statement that reflects member thinking, and announces the position to members and the public. That position is then available immediately to be used as the basis for action.

LWVNC Board of Directors have adopted the following policy for reference in considering concurrence proposals made in the program planning process for State Convention:

At LWVNC Convention, members may agree ("concur") with a statement or position held by another League as recommended by the LWVNC Board, a Local League Board or a State LAT committee. LWVNC will accept proposals for concurrence prior to each state convention according to the timeline for proposed program as stated in LWVNC bylaws, Article XIII. Proposals for concurrence are debatable but not amendable therefore the statement or position must be approved or rejected as written. If a concurrence is recommended by the State League Board it will need a majority vote to pass. If the concurrence is not recommended it will follow the procedure for other program items that are not recommended requiring a majority vote to consider the concurrence and a 2/3 majority vote to pass as stated in LWVNC bylaws, Article XIII.

Resources for this section: [LEAGUE BASICS \(lwv.org\)](http://lwv.org), LWVNC minutes January 4, 2023





Appendix B:

LWVNC Bylaws Article XIII

Excerpt from LWVNC Inc. Bylaws

ARTICLE XIII. PROGRAM

Section 1. Principles

The governmental principles adopted by the national Convention and supported by the League as a whole constitute the authorization for the adoption of Program.

Section 2. Program

The Program of LWVNC shall consist of

- a. action to implement the principles and
- b. those state government issues chosen for concerted study and action.

Section 3. Convention Action

The Convention shall act upon the state Program using the following procedures:

- a. Local League and MAL unit boards may make suggestions for state Program to the board at least three months prior to the opening date of the Convention.
- b. The board of directors shall consider the suggestions and shall formulate a proposed recommended Program that shall be submitted to the local boards at least two months prior to Convention.
- c. A majority vote shall be required for the adoption of the proposed Program recommended by the board.
- d. Any suggestions for changes in proposed recommended state Program submitted to the board of LWVNC at least three months before the Convention but not recommended by the board may be adopted by the Convention if a majority votes to consider suggested changes and the proposal for adoption receives a two-thirds vote before Convention adjourns.
- e. Any suggestions of an editorial nature such as spelling, grammar or punctuation shall be discussed by the program committee on the first day of Convention.

Section 4. Council Action

The Council may change the Program as provided in Article XI.

Section 5. Member Action

Members may act in the name of LWVNC only when authorized to do so by the board.

Section 6. Local League Action

Local Leagues, when acting on state governmental issues, may act only in conformity with, and not contrary to, the positions of LWVNC and/or LWVUS.